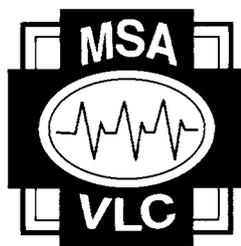


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## HEALTHCARE CLINICIAN TRAINING IN CAMBODIA

### MSAVLC-sponsored students graduate at All Ears Cambodia

Glyn Vaughn the Founder/Director of All Ears Cambodia, has written recently to tell us that the two MSAVLC-sponsored primary ear and hearing healthcare students have just graduated. With a total of 4 semesters, 8 formal exams, 10 outreach excursions, 27 modules, 156 days in clinic and 300 days studying, the Trustees and supporters of MSAVLC extend their congratulations to the newly-qualified clinicians, San Pearum and Khan Veasna.

Glyn Vaughan writes:

*"We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Pearum and Veasna have successfully completed their clinical and theoretical examinations and are now qualified Primary Ear and Hearing Healthcare Clinicians.*

*Our sincere gratitude goes to MSAVLC for your support of these trainees.*

#### **The beginning**

*The All Ears Cambodia School of Audiology and Primary Ear Healthcare opened its doors on 6th August 2012. Among the first recruits were San Pearum and Khan Veasna, who brought with them their huge passion for community healthcare and a strong desire to help their fellow countrymen. Together with their fellow classmates they embarked on the two year full-time course to become Primary Ear and Hearing Healthcare Clinicians.*

*The aim of the School is to develop*



San Pearum

*human resources in Cambodia for the prevention of deafness and to improve services in ear and hearing health. Run as a fully inclusive operation involving every member of the All Ears Cambodia team, the School provides trainees with thorough skill and knowledge development to prepare them for life as a clinician.*

*Passing with flying colours, Pearum and Veasna graduated in August and have now joined the team as qualified clinicians".*

Ned Carter, Head of The All Ears Cambodia School of Audiology and Primary Ear Healthcare writes:

*"Semester four is diverse, spanning nasal complaints commonly seen in*

*primary care, those requiring referral, and auditory complications; differential diagnosis of patients with dizziness; microbiology, antimicrobial therapy and immuno-compromised patients; tinnitus; retro-cochlear pathology and electro-physiological testing.*

*In clinic, they have gained confidence in key areas of audiology, including assessment, rehabilitation, paediatrics and earmould manufacturing. They have shown increased confidence in age-appropriate behavioural assessments for children, and soundfield techniques such as performance testing and visual reinforcement audiometry.*



Khan Veasna

*Veasna and Pearum continued to be especially strong academically, passing both of their final examinations with excellent marks."*

Glyn writes:

*“MSAVLC offered their generous support to fund activities in Veasna and Pearum’s final year. Certainly the toughest year of the course, their theoretical work required an advanced understanding in audiology and primary ear healthcare and pushed the trainees to use their critical thinking skills. In clinic they were required to demonstrate their knowledge in practical situations whilst proving they had the confidence and technical ability to deliver services.*

*Through outreach work and in clinic the trainees supported street children, leprosy sufferers, children affected by HIV, those with facio-cranial abnormalities, and families living in extreme poverty in rural and urban Cambodia. They were required to adapt their knowledge to each situation in order to provide the best care possible for the patient’s health and wellbeing. Being patient, empathetic, organised and thorough were skills essential to their success, in addition to their academic and technical ability.*

*Their Final Examination Grades were: Otology & Audiology: Veasna 87%, Pearum 70%. Rhinology, Microbiology & Immunology: Veasna 93%, Pearum 83%.*

*Practically they are both strong with little to separate the two. Pearum enjoys primary ear care more and has good skills in aural toilet and pharmaceutical management. Veasna’s preference is currently in audiology and counselling, showing empathy and good critical thinking skills. Both will develop their skill and confidence in all areas as they continue as clinicians.*



### **The future**

*Pearum and Veasna’s learning is far from over. As graduates they will continue to be observed by the Senior Clinical Team. Key areas for their continued professional development will be identified and addressed, as it is with all of the All Ears Cambodia team. They will remain part of the core team in Phnom Penh and will begin sharing rotational outreach duties to support clinical work in the Provinces.*

*Their presence will allow All Ears Cambodia to develop clinical services*

*further, supported by this essential additional human resource, to reach more Cambodians in need. Ultimately, more people will have their hearing saved and experience better ear and hearing health as a result of the successful graduation of these two dedicated clinicians. Thank you to MSAVLC for helping this vital project.”*

It is only with the generous donations from you, our donors, that MSAVLC can continue supporting this essential work in Cambodia, a country which has no ear health care, apart from the services

provided by All Ears Cambodia.

The Trustees hope to be able to fund more students at the All Ears Cambodia School of Audiology and Primary Ear Healthcare, if funds allow.

Peter Lidgard  
Chairman of the  
Trustees



## **Dr Madeleine Sharp MBE**

The Trustees have sent £1,000 to the British Friendship Hospital in Ky Anh, Vietnam to purchase a bed in memory of Dr Madeleine Sharp, who died earlier this year.

The inscription on the bed will read:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DR. MADELEINE SHARP MBE  
HONORARY SECRETARY AND  
PRESIDENT OF MSAVLC 1987-2014  
A FRIEND AND TIRELESS  
WORKER FOR VIETNAM  
AND ITS PEOPLE

## **MSAVLC-SPONSORED WATER SYSTEM COMPLETED IN LAOS**

In September 2014 the villagers of Ban Hoi Mut in northern Laos were at last able to access clean water, thanks to a project funded by MSAVLC.

The Director of the project, Andrew Brown, who is based in nearby Luang Prabang, recently informed the Trustees that a 1.2 kilometre pipe has been laid from a freshwater spring to a holding tank. The tank supplies seven water stations located around the village of Ban Hoi Mut.

The project, which cost about £1,400, has been paid for entirely by MSAVLC donors. We hope that in the coming months clean water systems can be provided for other villages in the remote district of Jumpet, in northern Laos.

We are hoping to provide some photographs and more details of the project, following the Trustees’ visit to Laos next year.

# ELDERLY CARE PROJECT IN KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE

Since 2007 MSAVLC has been supporting a Health Education Program for the Elderly in the Ky Anh District, Ha Tinh Province in Vietnam.

There are about 18,000 elderly people in Ky Anh District, 10.5% of the population.



*'The turnout for the sessions has been excellent'*

Ky Anh is a poor community with harsh weather conditions. Many of the elderly have been badly educated due to the war years, and many suffer from ill health. Most of them make a living from farming, but the harsh weather conditions sometimes produce severe droughts or floods which result in passive production and low productivity.

Due to this, poverty and ill health are widespread. In the past these people treated their illnesses themselves with traditional medicines and prayers, and healthcare is often confused with superstition and the scaring away of ghosts! In many households the

children have had to leave to find work in the city, and the elderly are left alone.

However, after Health Education Projects, sponsored by MSAVLC in two areas, the people now have the knowledge to look after themselves, and often go to the local health

too, as prevention is better, and cheaper, than cure.

It has also made the young people in the district feel more responsible for their parents and grandparents. Fourteen out of thirty three communes in the district have been covered by the training sessions so far. The turnout for the sessions has been excellent with about 80% of the elderly people in the communes attending. Some sessions were so well-attended that participants sat outside in the rain.

Due to the success of the projects in these communes, MSAVLC has agreed to finance further Health Education Programmes in 7 more communes of Ky Anh District over the next two years, at a cost of £2,600.

Mary Lidgard  
Honorary Secretary

clinic for treatment. This helps not only them, but the health service



*'...participants sat outside in the rain.'*

# EDITORIAL

Once again Christmas is almost upon us and with it, for many of us comes the dilemma of what to give as presents in this materialistic age.

If you're stuck for an idea, why not give a donation to MSAVLC in some else's name? That way you get to help people in the third world, and the recipient gets copies of our quarterly Bulletin. And any donation, no matter how small, ensures that a Bulletin will be sent, either by

post or email, for as long as you like.

The table below shows where most of your donations went last year. Fortunately, a little funding goes a long way in the third world!

Of course, it is also worth remembering that, unlike most charities, our expenses are very small. Of the money that the charity spent last year, 97% went directly to our projects in South-East Asia.

If you are a UK tax-payer you can make

your donation go even further, as MSAVLC can claim a further 20% back from the taxman through Gift Aid. Just complete part B on the donation form.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank everyone for their donations this year, I hope you feel that they were wisely spent.

**A very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year to  
all our supporters.**

## Direct Charitable Expenses 2013

Month completed	Recipient	Total (including bank charges)
	<b>Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin, Vietnam</b>	
July	Purchase of 90 wheelchairs for Hanoi District	£ 3,335.05
July	Audiology equipment for Ha Tinh Rehabilitation Centre	£ 19,398.01
	<b>Highland Education Development Organisation, Vietnam</b>	
February	Midwives training in Thong Nong, Cao Bang Province	£ 12,545.75
	<b>British Friendship Hospital, Ky Anh, Vietnam</b>	
February	Joan McMichael prize money	£ 330.00
July	Sponsorship of bed in memory of Professor Shellard	£ 1,003.80
July	Medical equipment	£ 10,189.58
	<b>Thanh Xuan Peace Village, Hanoi, Vietnam</b>	
July	Medical equipment	£ 5,177.50
	<b>Hoa Binh Peace Village (Tu Du Hospital), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam</b>	
March	Ultrasound machine	£ 2,842.67
September	Specialist wheelchairs and tables	£ 1,375.05
	<b>Ky Anh Elderly Association, Ky Anh, Vietnam</b>	
July	Healthcare project (2 Years)	£ 2,594.50
	<b>All Ears Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia</b>	
May	Sponsorship of two students' final year training	£ 9,959.00
	<b>New Hope Children's Home, Poi Pet, Cambodia</b>	
April	New toilet/shower block	£ 2,430.10
	<b>Suan Luang Orphanage, Luang Prabang, Laos</b>	
July	Construction of a well for fresh water	£ 1,236.10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 72,417.11</b>